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WEATHER—Showers Probable To-night or Friday.

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COOL WEATHER DUE HERE TO-NIGHT; HEAT STILL GREAT TO-DAY

High Humidity Adds to Heat Torture, and More Deaths and Prostrations Are Reported—Showers in the West

RECORD OF THE DEADLY HEAT.

THE WEATHER TO-DAY.

New York—Partly cloudy, continued warm weather; thunder showers to-night or Friday night; light variable winds; cooler to-night.

THE TEMPERATURE.

	7 A. M.	8 A. M.	9 A. M.	10 A. M.	11 A. M.	12 M.	1 P. M.	2 P. M.	3 P. M.	4 P. M.	5 P. M.
	75	77	78	80	84	88	91	92	92	91	89

The following table shows the number of deaths and prostrations and the highest official temperature with the humidity in New York City on each of the first four days of the present heat wave:

	Temperature.	Humidity.	Deaths Reported.	Prostrations Reported.
SUNDAY	73	73	4	60
MONDAY	77	77	10	109
TUESDAY	80	80	32	180
WEDNESDAY	82	82	23	300

The temperatures are the official figures of the Weather Bureau, taken on the twenty-ninth floor of the Whitehall Building, overlooking the bay, and open to every breeze that blows.

HEAT DEATHS TO-DAY.

AHEARN, JAMES, aged fifty, a post-office clerk, of No. 502 West Seventy-seventh street, prostrated at his home and died.

BARRY, JACK, aged fifty-five, overcome in Central Park and taken to Presbyterian Hospital, where he died.

CLANCY, JAMES J., aged sixty, a printer, overcome early this morning in the Glenmore Hotel, No. 3 Chatham Square, and died there.

CLOUGH, WILLIAM, aged fifty-five, a hotel keeper at Ninety-seventh street and Seventh avenue, Brooklyn; shot himself at home, being driven desperate by the heat.

GIRHERDT, MARY, aged six months, of No. 613 Second avenue, died at her home this morning from heat exhaustion.

GRIGGS, ANNA, aged sixty-nine, of No. 564 Lexington avenue, Brooklyn; overcome at home and died.

MARSHALL, HENRY W., aged forty, of No. 2158 Second avenue, overcome at his home and died in the Reception Hospital.

M'CARTHY, EUGENE, aged 40, address unknown; overcome by heat while working on ladder on South street; fell 30 feet and was instantly killed.

M'GOVERN, JAMES, aged about seventy, of No. 164 East One Hundred and Third street, prostrated at his home and died.

M'NAMARA, DELIA, aged thirty-five, of No. 413 West Fifth street, overcome by heat at her home and died.

M'TORREY, WILLIAM, aged forty, of No. 214 East Twenty-second street; collapsed and died at his home.

First of all, the local Weather Bureau wanted to inform the people of New York today that if they could stand the heat until to-night all would be well—until the next heat wave strikes us. The forecast for to-morrow is that the temperature will at no time exceed eighty-five degrees, and may not go so high. It has been from ten to fifteen degrees higher every day since Sunday.

A storm tearing from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of St. Lawrence has already relieved the States to the north and west of us. The Mississippi Valley is full of wandering thunderstorms which cool the districts which are fortunate enough to be in their path.

But the good news about to-morrow was about all that could enable anybody to face to-day's prospect with any sort of nerve. The promise of the early morning was for a day hotter than the Fourth of July, and worse, far worse, in humidity than any day of the present torrid wave.

The lists of deaths and prostrations began early and lengthened with startling rapidity.

The temperature at 9 o'clock was 78, backed up with 81 per cent. of humidity, which meant that people downtown came to work in a fine steam. The percentage fell but two per cent. by

RUSSELL BOUNCED AS HEAD OF POLICE DETECTIVE STAFF

"Made a False Official Statement" Is Only Explanation Given.

HUGHES GETS PLACE.

He Is the Inspector Whose Rise in Power Has Been Very Rapid.

Inspector John H. Russell, who has been at the head of the Detective Bureau at Police Headquarters for more than a year, was reduced from his rank as inspector late this afternoon and was sent to be the captain of the City Island precinct.

It was unofficially announced at Headquarters that the action was taken because Inspector Russell "had made a false official statement."

The Commissioner of Police has the power to reduce an inspector to be a captain at any time. It was believed at Headquarters that the only person by whom Russell would have been "bounced" was Mr. Waldo himself, but nobody would tell on what point the friction arose.

Inspector Edward T. Hughes was assigned to succeed Russell in the Detective Bureau. It was the crowning step in the rapid rise in authority of the youngest Inspector New York has had. Hughes got the oak leaves on his collar only two weeks ago. Mr. Waldo said to him at that time according to the gossip of the department:

"Although as Fire Commissioner I came to know you, well when you were in command in the Sixty-seventh street station near headquarters, and although we were good friends, you are about the only captain in the department who has not sent a crew of politicians and other acquaintances around to me to get promotion. So I am going to promote you."

Hughes was a confidential stenographer for John Brishen Walker, then editor and publisher of the *Comopolitan* Magazine in 1888, when Theodore Roosevelt, then Police Commissioner, asked that young man of professional training consider the opportunities of the Police Department and the career it offered.

Hughes obtained a letter from Mr. Walker to Mr. Roosevelt, passed his examinations and was at once appointed. In sixteen years he has achieved as high rank as is open to a member of the department except the assignment to be City Inspector.

FRANK X. M'QUADE NOW A MAGISTRATE.

Mayor Gaynor late this afternoon designated Frank X. McQuade, an Assistant Corporation Counsel, as a City Magistrate. His appointment is only from month to month. Mr. McQuade has been in the Corporation Counsel's office six years. He is a resident of "Big Tim" Sullivan's Third Assembly District. His appointment is made to fill the vacancy caused by the permanent appointment of Magistrate Presbitt.

Chief Magistrate McAdoo today that he had examined Magistrate Leroy B. Crane, who has been absent from the bench for twenty-two months, and that it would not be fair to ask Magistrate to return to the bench at this time, as he is convalescing from an attack of melancholia.

"THIM WAS THE HAPPY DAYS!"



MAYOR WON'T HAVE NEW COURT-HOUSE IN CITY HALL PARK

Refuses to Approve Stillwell Bill, but Warns Objectors Something Must Be Done.

After listening to many long arguments against the Stillwell bill, which provides that if the Board of Estimate does not decide on a site for a new County Court-House City Hall Park shall be used for the purpose, Mayor Gaynor announced this afternoon that he would not sign the bill, but send it back to Albany without his approval.

The Mayor said that he would not approve of the bill on the ground that City Hall Park was not the proper site. His Honor put it up strongly to the objectors, however, that they would have to get together and frame a new bill that would name a site and that further interminable delay would not be tolerated either by the city authorities or the State Legislature.

John D. Crimmins was the first to speak against the bill. He was followed by Arthur S. Bard, of the Bar Association, after they had talked about preserving the historic features of City Hall.

"Why don't you gentlemen make it clear what you want done? You have talked a lot but you have made no practical suggestions."

WHY NOT WRITE A BILL OFFERING A NEW SITE.

"You gentlemen who have been writing magazine articles about the preservation of the artistic tone of the city, why don't you sit down and write a bill that will offer a new site. In failing to approve of this bill, I will recommend that Senator McAdoo draw up another bill in which he names a site for the new courthouse other than City Hall Park. As the city has failed after all these years to settle on a site, it is only right that the selection of the site shall be left to the State Legislature."

Among those who spoke against the bill were Stephen Farrelly of the Metropolitan Art Society, W. J. Schindler of the Citizens' Union, Edward H. Hall of the American Science and Historic Preservation Society and Albert E. Herchen-

GRAFTER ASKED FIREWORKS MAN FOR 35 PER CENT.

Fosdick Says Dealer Names Committeeman Who Made Proposition.

A long step nearer to the John Doe of the safe and sane fireworks graft which was approached by a member of the education committee who said that he could bring the fireworks contracts.

This dealer said that he was told that he could fix his bids as high as he pleased so long as he paid a commission of 35 per cent. to the man who approached him. He rejected the proposal.

Commissioner Fosdick refused to give the name of the intermediary who approached him. These were matters, it was understood, that he regarded as being within the District Attorney's jurisdiction.

Deputy Commissioner Fosdick of the Department of Accounts and a full corps of his inspectors were digging into the same and were at last safe fireworks graft today. They found enough queer things about the fireworks displays in all the last Tuesday to warrant Mr. Fosdick in saying that he was going to the District Attorney of this county, Kings, Queens and Richmond with material for a searching grand jury investigation to be followed almost certainly by indictments.

and the Nordlinger Charlton Fireworks Company.

UNITED FIREWORKS COMPANY STILL A MYSTERY.

Commissioner Fosdick had not been able to get at the United Fireworks Company directly. He has plenty of evidence to show it was simply a go-between, buying its materials from small manufacturers in New Jersey and engaging in the fireworks business only to the extent of collecting enormous profits out of the city appropriations. Subpoenas are out for Aubrey Love, who is said to be the president of the company, and for James J. Cox of the Hudson Mechanical Rubber Company at No. 34 1/2 street, who received Love's mail. Investigation has failed to reveal any trace of a factory the concern was supposed to own in Trenton, N. J. Mr. Fosdick wants to know just who divided up the 300 per cent. profits of these influential middle-men.

It was stated at Mr. Fosdick's office today that the Lloyd Fireworks concern furnished displays in Manhattan in 1906, 1907 and 1908 for \$100,000, \$125,000 and \$150,000 respectively. The United Company furnished goods worth the experts approved as worth \$175,000, \$225,000 and \$250,000 on orders of the same scale for Brooklyn.

In Richmond the displays were all of the "B" kind, furnished by the Nordlinger-Charlton people. The displays were estimated by the Inspector of accounts to be worth \$200,000.

PAIN PEOPLE SORRY THEY TOOK THE CONTRACTS.

On behalf of the Pain people it was stated today by a representative of the firm that the company furnished

"PAY US \$25,000 NOW OR WE'LL KILL YOU," GIRLS TOLD STOKES

"If It's Death or One Cent, Give Me Death," Hotel Man Tells Court He Replied, and Then They Shot Him.

TOLD HIM THEY COULD
"GET RID OF HIS BODY"

Millionaire Gives a Dramatic Recital of Attack by Lillian Graham and Ethel Conrad.

For the first time a public audience had a chance to-day to hear W. E. D. Stokes, world's champion litigator and millionaire owner of the Hotel Ansonia, tell how Ethel Conrad and Lillian Graham, show girls, shot him up June 17 in their apartment at No. 225 West Eightieth street after an exciting three-cornered conversation touching on certain letters which he had written and certain remarks which he had or had not made.

KING'S OFFICER A REAL RAFFLES IN 20 BURGLARIES

Meyer Played Wall Street by Day and Robbed Brooklyn Homes at Night.

From a proud position in the royal bodyguard of King Haakon to a prison cell as a confessed burglar is the tremendous fall of Lieut. Carl von Meyer, the tall and handsome young Norwegian, who readily admitted the burglary of nearly a score of homes in the Columbia Heights district of Brooklyn when the detectives burst into his hall bedroom on the top floor of No. 18 Columbia Heights last night.

Laughing at the ease with which he "counted the cops" and won for himself the title "the man who never sleeps," Meyer, the tall and handsome young Norwegian, who readily admitted the burglary of nearly a score of homes in the Columbia Heights district of Brooklyn when the detectives burst into his hall bedroom on the top floor of No. 18 Columbia Heights last night.

But a letter found in his room, after Chief Magistrate Kempner had held him for the Grand Jury, was addressed to his father, Hon. Ludo von Meyer, No. 41 Gadsden, Christiansburg, and a passport, issued to him by the Christiania police, betrayed the secret of his rank.

In his room were found a high silk hat, frock coat and dark trousers, the garb in which the policeman in uniform in the Columbia Heights section used to see him when he prowled about by night and stopped to chat with them under the light of his lantern. And there were found also a black silk mask, and a steel paper-cutter with which he opened windows in lieu of a jimmy.

HUNDREDS OF LETTERS FROM INFATUATED YOUNG WOMEN.

Many other things were found in his room. Several hundred letters and as many photographs from infatuated girls, who confessed themselves willing to be carried off to Christiania. These were all from brunettes, for he had

The elderly victim of the good aim of these young women of the chorus was the first witness to be called this afternoon when Magistrate Presbitt started the examining trial in the Centre Street Court. At the summons of Assistant District Attorney Sullivan he came forward to the stand, almost eagerly, and thereafter for half an hour or more he was giving his version of the shooting, with such readiness that several times his personal counsel interrupted to slow down his conversational speed.

STOKES GIVES WEALTH OF DETAIL IN STORY.

With a wealth of detail and any number of highly dramatic gestures Mr. Stokes described how—according to him—he had been tricked into going to the girls' room, how a demand was made upon him there, first for a signed retraction of alleged slanders and then for \$25,000; how he was threatened with death; how revolvers were pointed at his head and stomach and how finally, after defying the young women, he was thrice wounded as he struggled to get away from them. It made a moving recital, and for all the blistering heat of the crowded chamber the listeners hung closely upon his words.

"Yes, I have reason to remember certain events of June 17," he began. "About 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon I was in my office in the Ansonia when Miss Conrad called on me on the telephone. Over the wire I wrote in a moment upon him there, first for a signed retraction of alleged slanders and then for \$25,000; how he was threatened with death; how revolvers were pointed at his head and stomach and how finally, after defying the young women, he was thrice wounded as he struggled to get away from them. It made a moving recital, and for all the blistering heat of the crowded chamber the listeners hung closely upon his words.

"At that hour I went to 225 West Eightieth street. The elevator attendant told me I was expected, and he took me up to the third floor. As I stepped out of the car I saw Miss Conrad standing in the doorway.

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